Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Vermillion, South Dakota has a strong tradition in hosting barbeque events and rib feeds for over 60 years; and,

Whereas, The Norway Ribeaters, a group of barbeque pioneers from the Vermillion area, originated a unique process of grilling using corncobs as a heat source, a process developed over 60 years ago; and,

Whereas, This tradition has been passed on to family members in this area for four generations; and,

Whereas, The Vermillion Jaycees will host the third annual barbeque cook-off during their Spirit of Vermillion Days' celebration known as Ribs, Rods and Rock 'N Roll involving contestants from the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The olfactory senses of any person or persons in the vicinity of a barbecue in process will be tantalized beyond reasonable limits, and choosing to partake thereof will bring a taste experience like no other:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 3, 2006, as

SPIRIT OF VERMILLION
RIBS, RODS & ROCK 'N ROLL BARBEQUE COOK-OFF DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth-ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State